

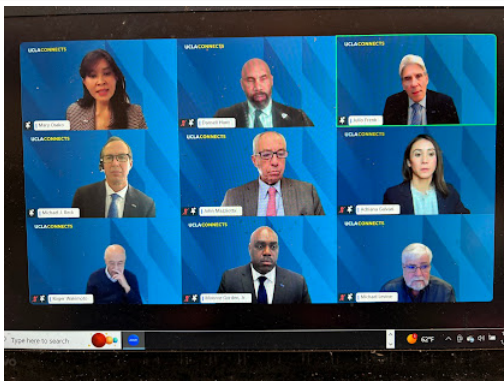
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Today's Town Hall on the Fire



It seems to take a day or so for the recordings of the various Town Halls on the fires to be uploaded to the UCLA website. In the interim, here is an audio recording of today's Town Hall:

<https://ia600105.us.archive.org/29/items/newsom-1-2-25-new-laws/UCLA%20Town%20Hall%20on%20fires%201-16-2025%20audio%29.mp4>.

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Use of UCLA Research Park for Fire Emergency Services



As noted in a prior post, the former Westside Pavillion/UCLA Research Park is being used for fire emergency services:

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Something's Happening - Part 2 (Where's UCLA?)

We noted on Monday that an unusual meeting of the systemwide Academic Senate had been called for this coming Friday by petition.* The meeting was called to discuss faculty unhappiness with regard to three issues:

- 1. *The lack of consultation for implementing the Information Security Investment Plan and the potential negative effects of the plan on faculty's research, teaching, and merits and promotions.*
- 2. *UCOP's differential treatment of faculty and administrators regarding compensation and cost-of-living adjustments.*
- 3. *The University of California's continued decrease in percent contribution to medical plans.*



When you look at the petition (attached to the meeting agenda), you find the names and campuses of those who called for the special session.** Represented among the petitioners are Davis, Irvine, Berkeley, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Riverside. Merced, Santa Cruz, and UCLA are not represented. So, that does mean that at UCLA in particular, nobody was particularly concerned with at least one of the three issues? Is UCLA somehow out of the loop? Just asking...

It might be noted that yours truly became aware of this matter after being forwarded an announcement from UC-Irvine's Senate, not from the UCLA Senate.

NOTE: I notified the UCLA Senate about the upcoming systemwide meeting on Jan. 13.

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*<https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/2025/01/somethings-happening.html>.

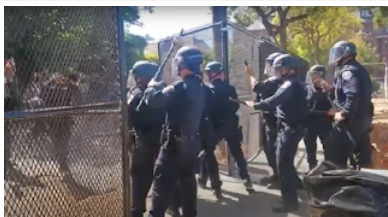
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Meanwhile, back at the park

From [Berkeleyside](#): *Construction at People's Park — which began in July 2024 after the project was given the green light and UC Berkeley cordoned off the site with a wall of shipping containers — is going as planned, according to the university. In a an update issued [last] Thursday, Cal said grading the lot is nearly complete and work on the student housing part of the project has begun, with the installation of a tower crane in anticipation of pouring the building's foundation.*



The plans for the project, which have been years in the making and prompted much opposition, including several lawsuits, include a 1,100-bed student housing complex, green space, as well as some form of commemoration to acknowledge the park's history, from being land originally inhabited by native peoples, to its pivotal role in Berkeley's free-speech protests in the 1960s.

The original design also includes a 100-unit supportive housing building for unhoused people and those on "extremely" low incomes. However, a Berkeley nonprofit that was set to build the affordable apartments backed out of the project in 2023 during the lengthy legal battle over the site. UC Berkeley spokesperson Kyle Gibson told Berkeleyside [last] Friday that after issuing an RFQ in the first quarter of 2025, the goal is to bring a developer on board this summer, two years ahead of the anticipated start of construction. He added that the university is working with the city and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to extend funding earmarked for the project...

Full story at <https://www.berkeleyside.org/2025/01/10/peoples-park-construction-is-on-schedule-says-university>.

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Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Some Retirement Programs for January



Make the Most of the UC Retirement Savings Program

Description: WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

This class can help you understand how much money you'll need to retire comfortably and how much you can save through the UC Retirement Savings Program. Additionally, the class provides additional ways to save

as well as strategies to help you protect and grow your savings.

Alternative dates/times:

Jan 15, 2025 Noon (Today!)

Jan 21, 2025 01:00 PM

Jan 28, 2025 09:00 AM

Registration: https://fmr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ENltxz_SSBEd-2Lb1ejBJQ#/registration.

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Wait a Minute! - Part 2



Blog readers will recall our post a couple of weeks ago about an Academic Senate decision to hold off on any requirement for ethnic studies in the high schools until more was known about the governor's budget proposal and whether it would fund such a requirement.*

EdSource provides some information on what the budget proposal included, or - more importantly - what it did not include:

...One much anticipated question was whether Newsom would include funding to implement a high school ethnic studies course. He did not. A spokesperson from the Department of Finance said that there were many demands for spending with limited resources. Ethnic studies was not among the priorities.

A lack of funding to pay for teachers' time and materials would delay the Legislature's 2021 mandate for all high schools to offer a semester course in ethnic studies, starting in 2025-26 and to

require that all students take it in order to graduate from high school, starting in 2029-30.

After multiple drafts and thousands of public comments, the State Board of Education adopted a voluntary framework for teaching ethnic studies in 2021. Since then, there have been conflicts and lawsuits over districts that have adopted curriculums promoted by the Liberated Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum Consortium. Without naming the Liberated version, the ethnic studies law said that districts should not adopt elements of it "due to concerns related to bias, bigotry, and discrimination." Without funding, that warning also would not take effect.

A lack of funding also might short-circuit a proposal pushed by UC ethnic studies faculty to require a high school ethnic studies course as an admission requirement with course criteria that UC would create. In December, the UC Academic Senate postponed a vote on the proposal until April; one reason was the uncertain status of California's ethnic studies mandate...

Full story at <https://edsources.org/2025/gov-newsom-proposes-stable-school-funding-in-2025-26-with-an-ominous-warning/724853>.

Of course, the legislature could provide funding even if the governor does not propose it. But there won't be a vote on the budget until June. The governor could also change his proposal, but that typically won't happen until the May Revise. So all the Academic Senate will likely know in April is that there is no funding proposed by the governor, i.e., what the Senate already knows.

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*<https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/2024/12/wait-minute.html>.

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Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Town Halls on the Fires - Part 2



As blog readers will know, there was a "town hall" on the fires and the impact on UCLA for faculty and staff yesterday. It was said at that meeting that a video of the meeting would be somewhere on the UCLA newsroom website. But yours truly couldn't find it there. So, if you missed the meeting, here is an audio recording:

<https://ia800105.us.archive.org/29/items/newsom-1-2-25-new-laws/UCLA%20Town%20Hall%20on%20fires%201-13-2025.mp4>

AVC Michael Beck hosted the meeting. There were many questions in particular about the balancing of care for patients in the med center vs. safety issues for staff. It was mentioned that part of the former Westside Pavillion that UCLA recently acquired is being used for emergency services.

NOTE: See our post yesterday for the schedule of other town halls on the fires.

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